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Departmental Statement in Lieu of Testimony

March 31, 2020 Agenda, Item 73:

Hearing to Vacate a Portion of Valley Canyon Road, Set Aside a Portion of Soledad Canyon Road and Accept the Offer of Dedication on a Portion of Yellowstone Lane in the Unincorporated Community of Agua Dulce

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works.

1. This item is requesting the Board of Supervisors to take several actions that will enable the developer of Tract No. 48086, in the unincorporated area of Agua Dulce, to comply with various conditions in order to develop the Santa Clarita Valley subdivision.
2. The purpose of these actions, among other things, is to seek Board approval to vacate a portion of Valley Canyon Road west of Stonecrest Road, which is no longer needed for public use, located in the unincorporated community of Agua Dulce. The vacation will result in the property being unencumbered of the road easement and available to be used by the underlying property owner, subject to the easements that will be reserved by the County, in order to comply with conditions of approval imposed by the County of Los Angeles, including conditions imposed by the Board of Supervisors at the June 25, 2019 public hearing.
3. I reviewed the investigation that was conducted by members of my staff in connection with the proposed vacation. I have concluded that the road easement that is proposed for vacation is unnecessary for present or prospective public use and is not useful as a nonmotorized transportation facility.
4. Easement and rights of way for utility purposes will be reserved within the involved area in favor of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency for the construction, maintenance, operation, and use of waterlines and appurtenant structures; the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for storm drain and appurtenant structures, and the County of

Los Angeles for purposes of riding and hiking trails, wildlife corridor, and a sewer lift station. I have concluded that the public convenience and necessity require the reservation of these easements.

5. A notice of the time and place of the public hearing regarding this road vacation has been posted along the proposed vacation area and was published for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.

6. Public Works has not received, and is not aware of, any formal protests to the proposed road vacation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 26, 2020.



MARK PESTRELLA
Director of Public Works